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For: CONFORMABLE AND DIE-CUTTABLE BIAXIALLY ORIENTED FILMS AND
LABELSTOCKS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This letter is in response to the Communication mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on November 5, 2001 in which a shortened period of reply was set to expire in 30 days. Accordingly, it is believed that this response is timely.

In the Communication, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- (I) Claims 1-27, drawn to a die-cuttable, biaxially stretched-oriented monolayer film, classified in Class 428, subclass 500.
- (II) Claims 28-55, drawn to a multilayer film, classified in Class 428, subclass 516.

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(III) Claims 56-69, drawn to an adhesive containing label stock, classified in Class 428, subclass 354.

(IV) Claims 70-75, drawn to a die-cuttable, biaxially stretched oriented monolayer polyolefin film, classified in Class 428, subclass 515.

Reconsideration is requested with regard to the claims of Group IV. Claims 70-73, like claims 1-27, are directed to "a die-cuttable, biaxially stretched oriented monolayer film." Claims 74-75, like claims 28-55, are directed to "a die-cuttable, stretch-oriented multilayer film." Accordingly, Applicants request the Examiner to include claims 70-73 with the Group I claims, and claims 74-75 with the Group II claims.

In any event, Applicants elect the claims of Group III, namely claims 56-69. An early action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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